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Director Paul Sewell, Acting Director of 2170 Graphical User Interface, Data Bases

Re: Policy of Technology Center 2176 Regarding "Situations When Reply Period Is Reset or Restarted" Under MPEP 710.06

U.S. Patent Application Serial No: 10/631,119
Title: INTEGRATED DECORATIVE PANELS
Filing Date: July 31, 2003
Inventors: Mauceri et al.
Our Reference: MICR0408-1-1

Dear Director Sewell:

We respectfully request that you review your group policy regarding situations when the reply period is reset or restarted because we were unexpectedly informed that our REQUEST FOR RESETTING PERIOD FOR RESPONSE could not be authorized with respect to the above-identified application.

We submitted a NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REFERENCE & REQUEST FOR RESETTING PERIOD FOR RESPONSE on May 12, 2006, when it was determined that a *non patent literature* document was missing from a Final Office Action mailed on March 15, 2006.

On July 14, 2006, Examiner Quoc Tran explained that he had conferred with Supervisor Stephen Hong regarding the policy pertaining to the REQUEST FOR RESETTING PERIOD FOR RESPONSE. Examiner Tran explained that he is not authorized to grant the REQUEST FOR RESETTING PERIOD FOR RESPONSE, because it was not brought to his attention within 1 month of the mail date of the Final Office Action.

We very much appreciate the coordinated effort and willingness of Examiner Tran and Supervisor Hong to look into this matter. However, we respectfully disagree because it appears under MPEP 710.06 that "if the error is brought to the attention of the Office within the period for reply set in the Office action but more than 1 month after the date of the Office action, the Office will set a new period for reply."

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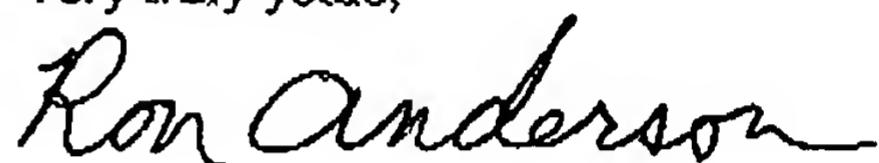
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If you believe the position of the group policy to be in error, we respectfully request that you authorize Examiner Tran to grant the REQUEST FOR RESETTING PERIOD FOR RESPONSE.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by return facsimile.

Very truly yours,



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